

Injuries and Illness are All That Will Stop Connie Mack's Athletics

Loss of Baseballs Need Not Cause Riots

Big Leagues Can Well Afford to Let Spectators Keep the "Foul" Balls When the Gate Receipts Run \$10,000 Daily.
By SAM CRANE.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Before an attendance numbering between 15,000 and 20,000 people on the Polo Grounds the attention of the spectators was directed from a very interesting stage of a game between the Giants and St. Louis Cardinals in the seventh inning by a silly rumpus between an employee of the home club and several spectators over a foul ball that had been hit into the grand stand.

How ridiculously farcical it does appear to see several big, lumbering private policemen, waiters and red-capped ushers make a concerted rush to capture one lone innocent \$1.25 ball at a game where the gate receipts amount to \$10,000 or \$15,000.

It seems so very pitiful, and still such scenes are of daily occurrence on all the big baseball grounds of the country, and in these days of million dollar grandstands and other magnificent accessories for the convenience of spectators.

There is nothing so aggravating to spectators, so absolutely nauseating to those who love baseball for the game itself and are deeply interested in the various plays at exciting moments, to have their attention distracted by such foolish and unbecomingly stupid stampedes of employees trampling over the feet of men and

women and subjecting people to rough usage.

Can Afford to Lose Baseballs
The national game is too big, too important as the public's pastime to have its patrons so abused and put to so much inconvenience for such a very cheap return as the recovery of a common baseball.

The rough house scenes are a relic of the dark ages of the sport before there were inclosed grounds. The game has progressed far beyond the point and time when such rowdianism by employees should be allowed. There will always be a certain few persons among big crowds who will endeavor to secure a foul ball either as a souvenir or to pay for the price of admission, but it would be much better for these comparatively few to be overlooked for the general good. If the dishonest spectator cannot be shamed by his neighbors into throwing the ball back on to the field, let him keep it and I will wager he will not enjoy the game nearly as much as those who refuse to hide the ball.

The present baseball public must be protected from inconvenience—it is very unwise to make them the "chief" for a few bad apples.

The progressive New York club should be the first to allow the balls not returned to be kept, and the better class of spectators will make it hot enough for the guilty one to be "shown up" without recourse to corn and bunions trampling and the wailing of spectators' wardrobes and peace of mind.

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WHAT A LOVELY COAT OF TAN THE CHIEF'S GARNERS SO EARLY IN THE SEASON

A Little Sport; A Little Gossip

LARRY Lajoie worried along with two hits out of three times up. In a game against the Red Sox recently, which suggests that his bat might be hung up alongside of Hans Wagner's uniform and glove in the Carnegie museum, at Pittsburgh.

Josh Devore has recovered his batting eye and is going like a streak for the Cincinnati Reds. The little outfielder, in two games against the Brooklyn Dodgers, tore off eight hits in as many times at the plate. A grand percentage of 390.

Bob Wallace, veteran shortstop of the St. Louis Browns, has a broken hand as the result of being hit with a pitched ball thrown by twirler Bush, of the Athletics. Wallace went to bat for shortstop Levan in the ninth stanza. He tried to duck a wild pitch by Bush but the throw caught him on the left hand. The impact of the ball against the bat almost smashed his fingers.

Johnny Coulon, in an effort to round back into championship form, has left Chicago for Georgian Bay. The bantam champion is certain that a month of roughing it will bring him back to his former self. He stated that he intended to take on Kid Williams sometime in September.

The Brooklyn Dodgers have purchased pitcher Schmitt from the Vancouver club of the Northwestern league. He will report in September. Schmitt had a fielding record of 957 in 1912, and a pitching average of .435. He worked in 33 games for a total of 251 innings, winning 13 and losing 17 games.

Heinie Zimmerman, eccentric third baseman of the Cubs, will be back into the game inside of two weeks, according to the club's physician who examined his injured foot. The physician found that no bones were broken and said all the player needed was a rest. Zimmerman left the team in Boston and went to Chicago for treatment.

President Navin, of the Tigers, has made a statement to the effect that no

other club in the American league is willing to give either in cash or players, what Ty Cobb is worth to Detroit, and there is not a possibility of Cobb going to Boston. Navin pointed out that Cobb's own desires in the matter would hardly be taken into consideration. It has been an open secret for months that Tyrrus wanted to change his location.

Cut Elston, a promoter who is one of the leading outlanders of the Southern league, who has rapped an average of 400, has been purchased by president McMill, of the Denver Western league team. Elston did not like the Southern league. It is planned by Jack Hendricks, manager of the Denver team, to use him as a utility player.

Ad Wolgast has informed promoter McCarey, any promoter who will give him a fight with Willie Ritchie can make out his own ticket. Wolgast says that he need not worry over the finances, as after Ritchie is paid the promoter can give him whatever he likes. Ritchie has announced that he is willing to meet Ad, although he thinks that Rivers would be a better drawing card than the excham.

Tim McGrath has accepted McCarey's terms for a bout on August 12, between Campi and Williams. Sammy Harris, manager of Williams, has guaranteed to box Campi 20 rounds. This is more money than Harris ever got for his bantam star, and it looks as though McCarey's troubles are not over after all.

Frank Galvin, manager of Charley Ledoux, telegraphed his protegee in New York wishing him a pleasant journey to France. Galvin expects Ledoux back about September 6, as he will meet Kid Williams the latter part of that month.

It is reported that Ad Wolgast and Tom Jones have agreed to dissolve partnership in the fight game. Wolgast stated that, until he wins the championship back, he will do his own matchmaking. There is the same friendly feeling existing between them, but Ad has decided that a manager is not necessary any longer.

Ledoux Is Entitled to Another Chance to Fight "Kid" Williams

Protest of French Bantam Against Foul Blows, and Treatment Accorded by Referee, Calls for Investigation; Criticism of Coulon Is Too Severe.

NEW YORK, July 26.—If the latest accounts of the recent international bantamweight contest between Charley Ledoux and "Kid" Williams are true, the little foreigner was given a pretty rough deal. Press reports say that Williams had the better of the bout for eight rounds, and from that on, until the fatal 16th, the Frenchman held the upper hand. In the 16th round Williams hooked his left to Ledoux's body, the Frenchman held his hand to his groin and claimed he had been hit foul. Williams followed up his advantage with two more to the same place, putting Ledoux to the floor. Referee Eytan immediately, without counting the 19 required by the rules, declared Williams the winner. Ledoux, protesting, was carried from the ring, and later, upon examination by physicians, was found to have been badly injured by the "Kid's" foul blows. Eytan, to justify his decision, said that Ledoux "quit".

Seems to me this calls for an investigation by Tom McCarey, in whose arena the bout was fought. A boy so badly hurt by a foul blow that he is forced to take to his bed, certainly should not be accused of quitting. This is not the first time that Eytan has been made that referee. Eytan runs things to suit himself and without regard for the rules supposed to govern boxing contests. Several times he has stopped bouts when there appeared no cause for his actions. Tom O'Rourke has always claimed that Eytan overstepped his authority in stopping the McCarey-Palmer fight, that Palmer was not hurt and was in shape to continue the battle. O'Rourke's claim has since been borne out by the testimony of other eye witnesses of that bout.

It is a shame that a visitor to our country should be given such shabby treatment as Ledoux received at Eytan's hands. We have heard of instances where American fighters have been given the worst of it in England, but this is the first time within my knowledge that a foreign boxer has not been accorded fair treatment on this side.

If McCarey does not take steps to prevent the possible recurrence of such a foul official breach, he is a different type of man from what I think he is. The least he could do, it would seem to me, would be to offer a purse for the boxer to meet again—and take good care that both are protected by the referee.

It was bad enough to rob Ledoux of a decision to which he was justly entitled as a result of Williams' foul blows, but to accuse him of quitting under the circumstances, a case of adding insult to injury.

Had the rules been lived up to in the recent match, Ledoux should have been declared the winner, and as such entitled to a match with Campi.

Speaking of bantamweight boxers, let it about the critics "told off" Johnny Coulon, the champion "Kid" Williams is without a doubt a great little fighter and entitled to a match with the title holder. The champion "Kid" to the Ledoux bout, but it does not seem fair to continually "pan" Coulon because he refuses to take on this tough customer while in bad health.

Coulon has a splendid record. For years he met and, what's more, beat all comers in his class, and at times above his class, and now that he is laid up it is hardly the manly thing to roast him on account of his disinclination to fight.

Personally, I consider Williams a great fighter. His style reminds me very much of Terry McGovern's when that former terror was in the bantam class—excepting that the "Kid" does not carry that terrible wallop that made Terry famous in a few short months. But at the same time I am an admirer of Johnny Coulon, and a believer in fair play, and feel that the time for his return to active ring work should be left to the champion's own judgment. He knows his condition bet-

ter than anyone else, and should know soon whether he will be able to fight again or not. If he finds that he can't round into condition to defend the championship, Coulon will probably retire and let the rest of the youngsters fight for the title. But until that time he should be left alone.

Coulon has been fighting for nine years and worked hard to get where he is. Williams is only a beginner in comparison and has plenty of time ahead of him to win the title, if he's good enough. Johnny would be a very foolish boy to risk his hard-earned laurels if he is in the best of condition. While, like every other lover of the sport, I am anxious to see Coulon defend the title at the earliest possible date, I would hate like the dickens to see him come into the ring in no shape to do himself justice.

Mike Glover is the young man's name, and he has been cleaning up in this neighborhood the last few months. Mike is a welterweight, who can see no good reason why he shouldn't be declared the champion. Among his most recent victims was Gus Platts, an Englishman, who came to this country to show Americans how to box. Gus was here heralded as the best of the weight the old country has produced in years. Glover had no trouble to convince Platts that he doesn't belong.

According to Glover's manager, with the euphonious moniker of Clarence Gillespie, the Boston boy is anxious to box any legitimate welterweight in the country, over any distance, and at any weight from 140 to 145 ringside. Which shows that Mike is a liberal minded young man and not inclined to fight other eye witnesses of that bout.

Glover has already issued challenges to a number of the leading welters of the country, but complains that the stars are afraid to meet him. Mike has even been so bold as to throw down the gauntlet to Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons, and will allow the latter to weigh 145 ringside. Which is perfectly safe for the Bostonian, as Gibbons could not very well do that weight

By James J. Corbett

Former Heavyweight Champion of the World.

without cutting off a limb or two. On the other hand, the offer to McFarland is an exceedingly liberal one, as Mike agrees to make 140 for the Chicagoan.

There is little chance of Glover getting the Packey right away. A little later on, perhaps, but not just now. For the next few months McFarland will be busy engaged trying to convince Willie Ritchie that he (Packey) is the legitimate and logical contender for the championship, and therefore will have no time to waste on welters, no matter how soft they look. Bigger game is in sight, and Packey is a good hunter.

That story about Joe Rivers quitting to Willie Ritchie may or may not have some foundation in truth, but the yarn about Ritchie wanting to quit, and Rivers peering him to it, is the funniest thing I've read in a long time.

According to the latest dream Willie was in bad shape during the early rounds and showed signs of the white feather. As far as that goes, the detailed accounts of the fight gave Rivers the best of the first few rounds. If Ritchie quit, and wanted to quit, why didn't he? He was getting the worst of it and would have had a first class alibi. However, he stood by his guns and took his medicine like a man, and instead of "laying down," Willie kept right on fighting until he had solved the Mexican's style. The rest is history.

As for Rivers "dogging" it, I don't know. It is easy enough for some to circulate a yarn about a boxer quitting under punishment, and still easier to get the public to accept it as gospel. But let me tell you something. A boxer who has climbed so high in his division as this young Rivers can be very "yellow." For that matter it takes a game man to be a fighter, if only a poor one.

As I said the fight up, it was simply a case of a good fighter beaten by a better one. Rivers had proved himself a boxer of merit long before the Ritchie contest, and to my way of thinking the question of his courage should never have been brought up at all.

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Injuries are All That Mack Fears Now

Maiming of Any Member of the \$100,000 Infield Would Greatly Handicap and Might Cause Loss of Pennant for Athletics.
By CLARENCE F. LLOYD.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 26.—"A team as strong as its substitutes." That being the case, it is a question whether the Athletics of Philadelphia, now out in front in the American league procession, are able to hold this advantage should one or more of C. Mack's infield regulars become injured.

Mack seems well fortified with outfield talent, as among his fly chasers he has "Rube" Oldring, the veteran Danny Murphy and the juvenile Eddie Murphy. Amos Strunk, Pete Daley and Jimmy Walsh.

But should any member of that \$100,000 infield that cost Mack a postage stamp or two become maimed or forced to remain idle for any great length of time, it might spell disaster for the elongated Cornells.

It is the only chance of the Washington team, considered next best in the league to the Mackmen, to head off the Athletics. While in St. Louis a Washington player figured it out that the Wilsonville team's only prospect for posing out the Elephants was for one of Mack's infielders to become hurt or sick and for one of his veteran pitchers, Plank or Bender, to go wrong.

Davis Now Superannuated.
Probably no worse blow could befall Mack than to have "Stuffy" McInnis, Eddie Collins or Jack Barry to break a

leg. It's doubtful which one's loss would be felt most. Should McInnis be maimed, it would necessitate the calling in of Harry Davis, his predecessor, as guardian of the Philadelphia first cushion. Davis tender his job in an acceptable manner while McInnis was still in swaddling clothes; but he no longer classes with the New England boy as a first baseman.

The laying off of Collins or Barry would break up that wonderful play around the middle pillow. The average fan would probably say that Collins' absence would hurt more than Barry's. But that's a question. Collins is a flashy player of the Ty Cobb stripe and attracts attention when Barry, doing just as much good, does not.

There are no shortstops in the league who rank better than the former Holy Cross lad. He hits in seventh place, while Collins swings in third. But an opposing pitcher will probably be as willing to face Collins in a pinch as Barry. The young shortstop doesn't get so many hits as his companion around second base, but he gets 'em when they're needed most.

Orr Is Still Untried.
Mack's infield substitute this season is Bill Orr, a big fellow from the Pacific Coast, who is said to be a hard hitter. Fortunately for the team and unfortunately for Orr, none of Mack's men have been out for any great length of time and Orr hasn't had much opportunity to show his real ability. But it's

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